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ALEXANDER ANNOUNCES EARMARKS FOR NORTH LOUISIANA TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

FUNDING TO DIRECTLY IMPACT NORTH LOUISIANA'S ECONOMY

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, today announced that he was successful in earmarking several projects in the FY 07 Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Housing and Urban Development, Judiciary, District of Columbia (TTHUD) Appropriations Bill.

Alexander secured the following earmarks: \$2 million for the Monroe Regional Airport terminal, \$500,000 for the I-20 corridor (Monroe), \$500,000 for the 4th Street Underpass (Monroe), and \$1 million for the I-20 Transportation Corridor Program (Lincoln Parish).

"These earmarks will help stimulate north Louisiana's economy," said Alexander, a member of the House Appropriations Committee.

"Infrastructure earmarks will have a direct impact on businesses and residents located in the north Louisiana region. Congressional studies show that every dollar spent on infrastructure projects yields a three dollar return. Our infrastructure projects in north Louisiana have been neglected in the past, but I'm confident that this funding will address these concerns."

Although the earmarks are included in the House's FY 07 TTHUD Bill, they must still await final approval in a joint House-Senate Conference report.

"I'm confident that our Senate Delegation will protect these earmarks and hopefully increase them in their appropriations bill," Alexander added.

Since elected to Congress in 2002, Alexander has made infrastructure funding one of his top priorities for the 5th Congressional District.